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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.)  
SUBJ: VISIT OF ASST SECRETARY TODMAN - COURTESY POINTS, ETC.

REF: STATE 7944

1. RE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD: PERSONAL CAVEATS:  
PRESIDENT WAS LAST IN WASHINGTON FOR SIGNING OF CANAL  
TREATIES. ON THAT OCCASION HE HAD ONE-HOUR BILATERAL WITH  
PRESIDENT CARTER. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, SECRETARY VANCE  
AND TODMAN WERE PRESENT. IN EARLY DECEMBER HE RECEIVED  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE SHELTON AND DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ABRAMOWITZ. PRESIDENT AND  
HIS WIFE VACATIONED IN US IN NOVEMBER 1977. RECENTLY PRO-  
MOTED TO LT. GENERAL. SUGGESTED COURTESY POINTS:

--INQUIRE ABOUT MRS. LAUGERUD'S HEALTH (SHE SUFFERS  
FROM PHLEBITIS BUT APPEARS MUCH RECOVERED AFTER TREATMENT IN  
HOUSTON AND REST)

-- EXPRESS APPRECIATION AT FINE GOG GESTURE OF NAMING  
REBUILT KENNETH WOOLEY (EX-AGUA CALIENTE) BRIDGE AFTER US  
SOLDIER WHO LOST HIS LIFE IN THE EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION  
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2. RE MEETING WITH FONMIN MOLINA: PERSONAL CAVEATS:  
MOLINA WAS LAST IN US DURING UNGA FOURTH COMMITTEE DEBATES  
ON BELIZE (OCTOBER-NOVEMBER) AT WHICH TIME HE MET WITH  
UK NEGOTIATORS. HE HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY AND  
HABIB. TODMAN WAS PRESENT AT FIRST ONE, OCTOBER 31.

SUGGESTED COURTESY POINTS:

--CONVEY SECRETARY'S REGARDS.

3. RE MEETING WITH DEFMIN SPIEGELER: PERSONAL CAVEATS:  
GENERAL SPIEGELER HAS NOT VISITED THE US SINCE AN ORIENTATION  
TOUR IN 1962. MOST RECENT HIGH-RANKING US CONTACT WAS DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ABRAMOWITZ' CALL ON HIM DECEMBER 5.  
SUGGESTED COURTESY POINTS:

--EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HELPFULNESS TO US CITIZENS,  
RECALLING GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE'S RECENT SKILLFUL AND DARING  
HELICOPTER RESCUE OF A YOUNG AMERICAN STRANDED ON LIP OF  
FUEGO VOLCANO'S CRATER.

4. ASSUME FULL BIOGRAPHIC REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT  
ON LAUGERUD, MOLINA AND SPIEGELER AS THEY CONTAIN MUCH  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF A PERSONAL NATURE. FOR INSTANCE,  
MOLINA TAUGHT LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND WAS  
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE BINATIONAL CENTER (IGA) HERE;  
AND LAUGERUD WAS MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON (1968-70)  
AND HIS WIFE HAS FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING IN THE US.  
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